Latest developments reconfirmed Russia’s long-standing policy of exploiting Europe’s excessive reliance on Russian gas and oil supplies. Today the continent is experiencing energy turmoil, with spot prices for natural gas surging to levels five times higher than those of a year ago. It has become painfully clear that energy independence is as critical to national and European security as military security and defense.

How did the Russian aggression towards Ukraine reshape Europe’s energy outlook? How can Europe respond to Russia’s weaponization of gas and oil supplies? How does the transatlantic solidarity impact Europe's historic drive to lessening its dependence on Russian energy sources?

The Atlantic Club of Bulgaria, in partnership with the American University in Bulgaria (AUBG) and the American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria invite you to a high-level discussion of these pressing issues at the 2nd edition of the Energy Dissected Conference to be held on June 29, 2022. It will bring together government officials, parliamentarians, energy analysts from Bulgaria, the EU, Russia and the US, as well as decision-makers from the industry to share views on a historic pivot in Europe’s energy policy.

Join us on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 from 2 pm till 6 pm online or in-person at the Elieff Center for Education and Culture, Sofia.
PROGRAM

13:30 – 14:00   REGISTRATION

14:00 – 14:10   OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Solomon Passy
President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria
David Evans
President of the American University in Bulgaria

14:10 – 14:30   KEYNOTE ADDRESSES
Alexander Nikolov
Minister of Energy of Bulgaria
RDML Michael Hewitt
Co-founder and CEO of IP3 (International Peace, Power and Prosperity)
Vladimir Milov
Deputy Minister of Energy of Russia (2002), Advisor to Alexei Navalny

14:30 – 15:30   FROM ROADMAPS TO ACTION, WHAT IS REQUIRED TO GENERATE ENERGY SECURITY AT A NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
Moderated by: Amb. Elena Poptodorova, Vice-President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria
Amb. Richard Morningstar
Founding Chairman, Global Energy Center, Atlantic Council of US
MEP Lukas Mandl
Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence, European Parliament
Dr. Mikhail Krutikhin
Analyst of the Russian energy industry
Ivan Hinovski
Chairman of the Bulgarian Energy Forum
Julian Popov
European Climate Foundation Fellow

15:40 – 15:50   Q&A SESSION
15:50 – 16:50  ALIGNING THE ENERGY POLICIES – TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS MODELS FROM SOUTH TO NORTH
Moderated by: Andrey Bachvarov, CEO Bica services and Anthill

Kiril Boshov
CEO EuroHold Bulgaria

Gencho Kerezov
Deputy Mayor of Sofia Municipality

Edward Friedman
Steven Institute of Technology

Dr. Ralitza Nikolaeva
University of St Andrews

Anton Ivanov
Bulgarian Energy and Mining Forum

16:50 – 17:00  Q&A SESSION

17:00 – 18:00  RENEWABLES AS INVESTMENT IN VOLATILE ENERGY MARKETS
Moderated by: Kaloyan Staykov, Chief Economist at Energy Management Institute (EMI)

Amb. Ilyan Vasilev
Chairman of the Board, Alternatives & Analyses NGO

Milko Kovachev
Minister of Energy of Bulgaria (2001-2005)

Boyko Nitsov
Senior Associate at the Center for Study of Democracy

Nikola Gazdov
Chairman of APSTE

Lubomir Dimitrov
Bulgarian Energy and Mining Forum

18:00 – 18:15  Q&A SESSION